

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to the proposed legislation that would require ~~mandatory~~ pasteurization of all fresh juices. I have been drinking fresh juices for several years and have personally experienced their benefits. My over all health especially my allergies and digestive difficulties have greatly improved. The one time I went for a couple of months without fresh juices there was a definite difference in the way I felt.

Thousands of gallons of fresh juices are consumed everyday in the U.S. without ill effects. I have seen first hand the care and safety that the company I buy my juices from takes in their preparation and I believe the benefits vastly out weigh the risks.

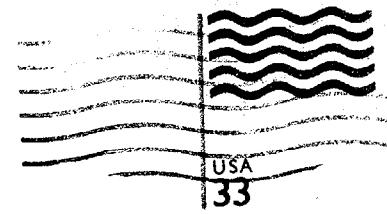
Beyond the health issue is the wearing away of my personal freedoms. I am an adult and it is my decision as to what I drink. The government's responsibility should end with giving the American people all the information on a subject so that we can make an informed choice.

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